



## Wisconsin Ag News – Farm Production Expenditures



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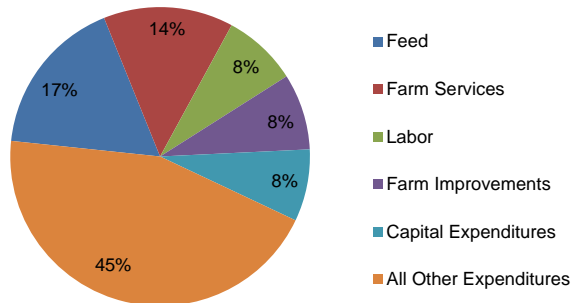
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Wisconsin farm production expenditures totaled \$10.9 billion in 2015, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farm Production Expenditures Annual Summary* report. This was down 16 percent from the 2014 total expenditures. Feed expense, which fell 20 percent to \$1.88 billion, represented the largest single production expense for Wisconsin farmers in 2015, accounting for 17 percent of the total. Expenditures for Farm Services were the second largest expense category, totaling \$1.53 billion and accounted for 14 percent of the total. This was down 6 percent from 2014. The largest percentage decreases were for Miscellaneous Capital expenses (down 43% to \$20 million), Tractors and Self-propelled Machinery (down 39% to \$400 million) and Other Farm Machinery (down 34 percent to \$310 million).

Farm Production Expenditures - Wisconsin: 2015



### Farm Production Expenditures – Wisconsin: 2014-2015

Expenditure - Farm Share	Farms Reporting <sup>1</sup>		Average per Farm <sup>2</sup>		Total Expenditures	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(percent)	(percent)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(million dollars)	(million dollars)
Total Farm Production Expenditures <sup>3</sup>	100.0	100.0	188,913	158,345	13,035	10,910
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses <sup>4</sup>	28.9	27.3	6,957	6,531	480	450
Feed	57.3	51.5	34,058	27,286	2,350	1,880
Farm Services <sup>5</sup>	94.7	93.9	23,478	22,206	1,620	1,530
Rent <sup>6</sup>	34.3	34.1	9,855	8,563	680	590
Agricultural Chemicals <sup>7</sup>	49.2	50.6	4,928	4,644	340	320
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners <sup>7</sup>	61.3	59.5	12,899	11,321	890	780
Interest	45.7	41.1	6,377	6,241	440	430
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	100.0	100.0	7,391	6,531	510	450
Labor	24.7	19.7	15,072	12,772	1,040	880
Fuels	86.4	88.5	8,261	5,515	570	380
Farm Supplies & Repairs <sup>8</sup>	87.3	82.8	12,319	11,611	850	800
Farm Improvements & Construction <sup>9</sup>	55.3	52.9	17,101	13,062	1,180	900
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	15.9	15.5	9,565	5,806	660	400
Other Farm Machinery	25.4	21.4	6,812	4,499	470	310
Seeds & Plants <sup>10</sup>	62.4	58.1	11,449	9,724	790	670
Trucks & Autos	12.1	11.9	1,884	1,742	130	120
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses	2.0	5.3	507	290	35	20

<sup>1</sup> Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.

<sup>2</sup> The average per farm is computed by dividing the line-item total expense by the total number of farms at that level. Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Includes the operator, landlord, and contractor shares of farm production expenses. Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>4</sup> Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. Intra-state and inter-state transfers of livestock are captured.

<sup>5</sup> Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, utilities, general expenses, and miscellaneous business expenses.

<sup>6</sup> Includes cash rent paid, share rent, plus public and private grazing fees.

<sup>7</sup> Includes material and application costs.

<sup>8</sup> Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm-shop equipment, oils and lubricants, temporary fencing, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of equipment not depreciated, and other small, non-capital equipment.

<sup>9</sup> Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.

<sup>10</sup> All purchases of seed, plants, or seed treatments for nursery and farming operation are included. Bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale are excluded.